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SUBJECT: CZECHS OPPOSE UN PERMANENT FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL  
MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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[¶1.](#) (U) EconOff spoke with MFA Multilateral Office official Ondrej Kovarik to discuss Reftel. Kovarik said the Czechs will adhere to the EU common position, but added the Czechs do not support the establishment of a permanent forum because the funding source and management structure is unknown. Instead the Czechs prefer an informal forum that is both voluntary and consultative. They also want greater coordination among existing agencies prior to the establishment of any permanent forum.

[¶2.](#) (U) The Czech delegation to the Global Migration Forum will include:  
- Helena Bambasova, Head of Delegation, Director General of Bilateral Relations, MFA  
- Pavla Fridrichova, Chief of the Asylum Policy Unit, Ministry of the Interior  
- Martina Michalcova, Chief of Migration Unit, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs

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